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SUBJECT: SECURITY MEASURES FOR MISSION STAFF

REFERENCE: (A) STATE 165063 (B) KINGSTON 2979 (C) STATE 181357

- 1. BECAUSE OF CURRENT VOLATILE SITUATION IN JAMAICA, INCLUDING STATE OF EMERGENCY, REASONS BEHIND ITS IMPLEMENTATION, AND BELIEF THAT IT WILL CONTINUE AT LEAST UNTIL GOJ ELECTION, REQUEST EXTENSION OF AUTHORIZATION/APPROVAL OF CONTRACT GUARD SERVICES FOR PERIOD OF 180 DAYS BEYOND SEPTEMBER 30, 1976 (SEE REFTEL A AND C). SERVICES INCLUDE 24-HOUR GUARD SERVICE FOR DCM AND FOR 24-HOUR GUARD SERVICE FOR DETACHED STAFF HOUSING DURING OFFICIAL ABSENCES.
- 2. ESTIMATED COSTS BASED ON THE CURRATE RATE FOR SERVICES FOR 180 DAY PERIOD ARE AS FOLLOWS: (A) DCM RESIDENCE, JAMAICAN \$13,824, US\$EQUIVALENT 15,233; (B) COVERAGE OF HOUSING DURING OFFICIAL ABSENCES, JAMAICAN \$3,226, US\$ EQUIVALENT 3,554.
- 3. IN MEMO DATED SEPTEMBER 9, 1976, SYFO RECOMMENDED THAT GUARD FORCE FOR AMBASSADOR'S RESIDENCE BE INCREASED BY ONE GUARD ON A PERMANENT BASIS. ANNUAL COST FOR THIS INCREASE ESTIMATED JAMAICAN \$14,016, US EQUIVALENT \$15,444.

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4. EMBASSY IS AWARE THAT CONTRACT GUARD SERVICES IN JAMAICA HAVE NEGOTIATED FOR INCREASED RATES. THESE NEGOTIATIONS STALLED

AND ARE CURRENTLY IN ARBITRATION. IT IS EXPECTED THAT RATES
WILL INCREASE FROM CURRENT JAMAICAN \$1.60/HOUR TO JAMAICAN
\$2.00. AT TIME INCREASES ARE EFFECTED, THEY WILL BE IMMEDIATELY
REPORTED TO DEPARTMENT.
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